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## MARGINAL COLUMN

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## Ike: West Won't Be First to Use Force

**WASHINGTON.** — President Eisenhower said on Wednesday that if there is to be any force used in Berlin that his side would have to use it.

### Not Thinking Of Dulles' Successor

**WASHINGTON (UPI).** — President Eisenhower declared Wednesday that Mr. Dulles is not the person he wants if the Secretary of State believes he is in shape to carry on.

Mr. Eisenhower said he had not discussed specifically a successor for Mr. Dulles and he has not thought at the present time of appointing a U.S. chief negotiator to spare Mr. Dulles from attending forthcoming international conferences.

The President said doctors had assured him that Mr. Dulles' recurrence of cancer would have no effect on his ability to serve in both parts of the State Government as a step toward agreement on German unification and European security.

Repeatedly he rejected reporters' attempts to draw him out on specific details of the Western negotiating position in the proposed Big Four talks with Russia on the German crisis.

Questioned on Mr. Macmillan's visit to Moscow, President Eisenhower said the British Premier would present the views of the British Government on the problems that beset Europe and the world.

The President said those views had been concertedly among the Western allies.

Asked if he had discussed common objectives with the British Prime Minister, the President replied that he had not done so for this particular visit.

Answerring a question as to whether he was worried by his reports on the Iraqi situation and reports of Communist influence in the government there, Mr. Eisenhower replied he would not say he was worried because he did not know what word was used about it.

The President declared that his reports on the situation in Iraq were not so clear. Iraq was one of those places where he hoped that the forces who wanted to live independently would triumph over those who wanted a dictator ship or Communist type of state. Certainly the former was the kind of Government that the U.S. wanted to see in Iraq, the President added.

### General Marshall In 'Serious' Condition

**PORT BRAGG, North Carolina (Reuter).** — General George Marshall had a second stroke on Tuesday night and is in serious condition, the Army hospital here has announced.

General Marshall, a former Secretary of State and author of the Marshall Plan, was admitted to the hospital on January 18. He is 78.

Officials said the second stroke was more serious than the first.

A hospital bulletin said: "He is conscious, his blood pressure and pulse are stable, and at present he shows no evidence of paralysis of the extremities. He has some difficulty with vision and with swallowing. His condition is considered serious."

**BATISTA Major Shot For War Crimes**

**HAVANA (Reuter).** — Former Major Juan Bonal Blanco was executed by firing squad on Tuesday night after being convicted of war crimes at a second trial.

Sosa Blanco was first sentenced to death last month at a spectacular trial in the stadium at Havana, the scene of the first trials under Fidel Castro on Tuesday night.

The communists, which followed talks here between Marshal Tito and President Ibrahim Abdou, said the two governments were determined to open up new markets in Africa under any circumstances.

They agreed to raise diplomatic representation immediately to Embassy level.

General Abdou accepted Marshal Tito's invitation to visit Yugoslavia at a time to be fixed later.

President Tito left Port Sudan on Wednesday in the presidential yacht Galeb bound for Egypt for talks with Abdul Nasser.

**U.S. AID TO PAKISTAN**

**WASHINGTON (Reuter).** — The U.S. on Wednesday lent Pakistan \$35.5m. for electric power, land reclamation and railway development projects.

**B.G. TO RECEIVE FOREIGN PRESS**

**JERUSALEM POST REPORTER**

The Prime Minister is to hold a press conference in Tel Aviv tomorrow on Israel's attitude to the current wave of immigration from Eastern Europe.

The delegation consisted of Dr. Nahum Goldmann, Mr. Adolph Held, Dr. Gustav Jelinek, and Mr. Saul Kagan.

**FESTIVAL TO AFRICA**

**LONDON (Reuter).** — General Sir Francis Fawcett, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, left on Wednesday for a 12-day tour of British troops in Malta, Tripoli, Benghazi and Kenya.

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### Britain Testing Stand-Off Bomb

**MELBOURNE (Reuter).** — Britain's latest top-secret nuclear weapon, the stand-off bomb, is undergoing tests at Woomera rocket range, the Melbourne "Age" reported on Wednesday.

The newspaper's Canberra correspondent said it was understood to be the most powerful weapon of its type yet devised.

He went on to say that the bomb, which carries either a nuclear or conventional warhead, is launched from an aircraft, many miles from the target and its intricate electronic mechanism enables it to find its distant target with remarkable accuracy.

**U.K. Not Approached On Israel Pipeline**

**LONDON (Reuter).** — Mr. Robert Allin, Joint Under-Secretary of State at the Foreign Office, said in a Committee meeting in reply to a question on Wednesday that no discussions had been held with the Israeli Government regarding cooperation with them in constructing an oil pipeline from the Gulf of Aqaba, large enough to permit the full-scale operation of the oil refinery at Haifa.

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## House Evenly Divided Over Speaker Issue

### ISRAEL SOLDIER SHOT BY WAR MARAUDERS

**TEL AVIV.** — An Israeli soldier was shot Tuesday night inside Israel territory near Bet Rayim, opposite the Gaza Strip, by Egyptians who opened fire from outside at an Israeli patrol, the Army spokesman announced here Wednesday.

The wounded soldier was taken to Tel Hashomer Hospital where his condition was reported as improved.

The spokesman said the Egyptians opened fire in the dark, rainy night from a distance of about 50 metres. The Israeli patrol returned the fire, but the infiltrators managed to escape.

A few miles further north, a U.N.E.F. man was injured slightly when an Israeli patrol opened fire at a group of U.N.E.F. soldiers near the border, U.N.E.F. headquarters reported.

In a second incident, a U.N.E.F. patrol killed one Arab and wounded a second during an exchange of shots.

An Israeli Army report said an Israeli patrol had fired at a group of suspiciously moving persons. It might possibly have been a U.N.E.F. patrol, the spokesman said.

**Orthodox Hold Balance**

The National Religious Party, which controls 11 votes in the House, appears to hold the balance. A spokesman of their Knesset faction told *The Jerusalem Post* on Wednesday that no final decision would be taken before the end of next week; it would be the Party executive director, the master before then.

The party would have to choose between its desire to create a precedent by assisting in the election of a non-Mapai figure to a central position in the State, and its reluctance to support the leader of a left-wing candidate who has been known for his anti-religious sentiments. Religious Party Knesset Members stated.

A spokesman for Poaled Agudat Yisrael explained his faction's support for Mr. Locker as stemming from his popularity with World Jewry, due to his record in the World Zionist Organization.

Moreover, the Shah announced that there allegedly exists some sort of threat to him from the Soviet Union. There was no ground for such a statement,"

Mr. Khrushchev said that the Shah was above all afraid of his own people and wanted to conclude a military agreement with the U.S. in order to bring in American troops to protect his throne.

However, Mapai Knesset sources believed that the National Religious Party would probably decide in favour of supporting Mr. Locker, by assuring his election by 52 votes against 52.

### B-G, Progressives Meet on Taxes

**JERUSALEM POST REPORTER**

The Progressive Party's proposal to introduce changes in the income tax ordinance was discussed at a meeting between the Prime Minister and other Ministers, and Mr. Pinhas Rutenberg, Minister of Justice, and other leaders of the Progressive Party, at a meeting in Jerusalem on Wednesday.

Those present were the Minister of Finance, Mr. Levi Eshkol, the Minister of Commerce and Industry, Mr. Pinhas Sapir, and leaders of the Progressive Party, Mr. Ishai Harari, M.K., and Mr. Idov Cohen, M.K.

Another meeting is likely, a spokesman of the Progressive Party stated. He said there were indications that the two sides were coming nearer.

Development fund for all

Romanian immigration workers

the State Department only insofar as it causes economic difficulties for Israel which results in Israel requesting more aid at a time when Congress is cutting down appropriations and the administration is placing a balanced budget above all other considerations.

Friendly Fingers

As far as Nasser is concerned, the U.S. did extend a few fingers of friendship in economic help a moment ago.

American officials did not let him to grasp the first in a firm handshake, but they did not with satisfaction that Cairo press and radio attacks on the West have been confined to a considerably toned down.

They have no further plans regarding Nasser at the moment and have no intention of competing with the Soviets for economic aid for the U.A.R.

The Jan. 20 issue of "Lloyd Bank Review" lists Soviet credits to the U.A.R. at \$325m., of which \$350m. have already been drawn. This is more than 42 per cent of the total Soviet bloc's foreign aid to all countries and is more than double this year's American

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**Social & Personal**

The Argentinian Ambassador and Mrs. Garcia Arias were entertained to dinner recently by the former Israeli Ambassador to Argentina and Mrs. Arye Kubovy. Among the other guests were Mr. M. L. Minkin, M.K., Minister of the Foreign Affairs and Security Committee, and Abu-Moshe and Mrs. Aharoni.

Among the visitors to the Hebrew University yesterday were Consul General Stephen Kline-Hall, Mr. and Mrs. L. Mintz, and Mr. J. Kidder, all of London, and Mrs. F. Seigel, of Boston.

Mr. Julius Weiss, Chairman of the Union Bank of Israel Ltd., arrived on Tuesday from New York for a fortnight's visit.

A group of Hadassah members from the U.S. now visiting Israel on Wednesday called at the Jerusalem Municipality where they were received by the Deputy Mayor, Dr. P. J. Jacob.

Mr. William Norton, the Irish Labour Party leader, will speak on "Eire—Its Political Structure" before the Tel Aviv-Jaffa Rotary Club luncheon, today at 12.15, Z.O.A. House.

The Attorney General, Mr. Haim Cohn, will lecture on "International Conventions on the Recovery Abroad of Maintenance and on Commercial Arbitration" under the auspices of the International Law Association, Israel Branch at Beit Hillel, Rehov Balfour, at 8.40 this evening.

Commander Sir Stephen King-Hall will lecture on "The Future of Parliamentary Democracy" under the auspices of the British Council at Beit Lessin at 8.30 p.m. on Thursday.

Prof. Max Gluckman, of the University of Manchester, will lecture on "Legal Terminology Among the Barots of Central Africa" under the auspices of the Hebrew University at 8.45 p.m. today, in the Abraham Maimon Building on the University campus.

Dr. W. D. Wyllie, Anaesthetist to St. Thomas Hospital, London, will lecture on "Complications of Anaesthesia and their Prevention" at 7.45 p.m. tomorrow at the Hebrew University-Hadassah Medical School.

Mr. Eliezer Livneh will speak on "How to Integrate the Newcomers" at the Haifa Maritime Club at 12.15 p.m. tomorrow. Reservation by phone, No. 2654.

**Friend of Freud Slain in Australia**

MELBOURNE (Reuter).—A woman doctor and former friend of Sigmund Freud was on Wednesday found battered to death in the simple dwelling near Melbourne where she had been a hermit.

Dr. Annie Yoffe, 58, a member of a prominent Melbourne textile family, decided seven years ago to live as a hermit while making a study of psychodynamics.

Her body was found near her home, located in the mountains about 40 kilometers from here. A labourer has been charged with the murder.

**New Freighter Joins Israeli Merchant Navy**

Another freighter joined Israel's merchant navy on Wednesday with the launching in Luebeck West Germany of the "Kinneret." The 4,400-ton vessel has been bought out of Reparations Funds by the Zim Navigation Company for \$1.32m.

She is the 20th Reparations ship purchased by Zim. The company expects to acquire 25 others by the end of 1962, it was officially announced yesterday.

**KNESSET PRESS CORPS**

The Knesset press corps on Tuesday elected its Executive Committee for the coming year: Messrs. Gershon Hendel ("Haboker") and Eliyah Hasin ("Lamerhav") and Miss Vera Eliashiv ("Davar" — "Omer").

**LYDDA FLIGHTS**

ARRIVALS & DEPARTURES: From Johnneshaven, 12.30. El Al 101 from Vienna, 10.30. Air France 129 from Berlin at 1550. El Al 408 from Istanbul at 1630. El Al 206 from New York, London and Athens at 1910. Cyprus Airways 240 from London, 1915. Athens and Nicola at 2200. El Al 414 from London, Paris and Zurich at 2220. Olympic Airways 600 from London, Athens and Ankara at 2230. El Al 415 from Amsterdam, Cologne and Rome at 0130 (Friday).

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**Today's Postbags****The Weather**

**FORECAST:** Intermittent rain. Weather Synopsis: A complex depression extends from Turkey to East Mediterranean.

	A	B	C	D
Mt. Carmel	20	2	7	7
Tiberias	20	2	15	15
Haifa Port	25	2	14	14
Nazarea	20	2	14	14
Tel Aviv	20	2	14	14
Tel Aviv Port	20	2	14	14
Lydd Airport	20	2	15	15
Jerusalem	20	2	15	15
Bethsheba	20	2	14	14
Beersheba	20	2	14	14
Rishon	20	2	14	14
Total	20	2	14	14

"A" Humidity at 8 p.m. B) Minimum temperature. C) Maximum temperature. D) Maximum temperature.

**THE FORESEEABLE** convoy went up to Mt. Scopus yesterday with supplies, a change of guard, and University personnel on duty in the Hospital and University buildings. Fifteen visitors from the Hospital and the University accompanied the convoy.

**More Rain For Several Days**

Jerusalem Post Reporter

**TEL AVIV** — The rain will continue for another few days, the weatherman stated on Wednesday night. Except for occasional breaks, there will be heavy downpours throughout Israel, especially in the coastal plain. There will be only light rain in the Negev, but there is a possibility of snow in the north.

The 10 to 15 mm. of rainfall Israel is getting daily is normal for this time of the year, the weatherman says.

The depression affecting the eastern Mediterranean region is expected to persist, and it is raining from Syria to North Africa.

The rains have severely inundated and damaged many of Tel Aviv's roads thus slowing down traffic. The damage to roads this year is greater than usual, the Municipal Engineer, Mr. M. Ambar, told *The Jerusalem Post*.

**Dr. Edward Becker Buried in Haifa**

Jerusalem Post Bureau

**HAIFA** — Funeral services for Dr. Edward Zusman Becker, who died Tuesday in Rothschild Hospital, Haifa, were held Wednesday afternoon from the hospital. He was 61.

Dr. Becker left a general practice in Manchester, England, six years ago and immigrated with his wife to Israel.

For about a year he worked for Kupat Holim in kibbutzim in the Jezreel Valley. Later he settled in Haifa. After a short period at the Kiryat Nahum moshav, he began work for Kupat Holim at the Maimon David neighborhood and at the children's village at Kfar Galim.

Dr. Becker was a well-loved member of the British Community of Haifa. He dedicated himself to his work in medical service with a intense devotion, two years ago.

To his hundreds of patients, he was more than a physician. He was their counselor and their teacher. He taught many persons their first lessons in modern hygiene and cleanliness.

Many of his patients attended his funeral.

**Jewish Agency Clerk Dies of Stroke**

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A clerk at the Jewish Agency Head Office in Jerusalem, Mr. Moshe Yacobovitch, 45, died shortly after reporting to work on Wednesday morning.

His body was taken to hospital by a police tender after attempts to contact Magen David Adom were unsuccessful. It is believed that he suffered a heart attack.

An Agency spokesman told *The Jerusalem Post* that Yacobovitch was partially paralyzed and although his illness greatly reduced his work capacity, he was kept on.

On Wednesday, he arrived at work in the Service Department at 7:30 and went to the mimeographing room. When the second clerk arrived at 8:00, he found Yacobovitch unconscious on the floor there.

**KAHANOVITZ TO BE BURIED IN ISRAEL**

**CHICAGO (INA)** — The body of Matityahu Kahanovitz, Director of the Jewish Agency's Hill Settlement Department, who had been here last Tuesday, left Wednesday for Israel, where he will be buried.

**Brooms Lead Boat On Road to Eilat**

Jerusalem Post Reporter

**EILAT** — The new police launch arrived in Eilat early Wednesday morning, following a course laid down by a police detail using brooms and water to clear the film of kholm from the highway.

The truck and trailer carrying the vessel became stuck on the road Tuesday night. The special anti-smuggling project which enabled the craft to find its way to the sea. The boat was launched officially Wednesday afternoon without further mishap. On Friday afternoon, it will be lifted from the water for a formal launching.

With deep sorrow we announce the passing away of our beloved husband, father, father-in-law, grandfather and great-grandfather.

**David Olswang**  
THE BEREAVED FAMILY  
Glasgow, February 11

**Sugar and Coffee Rationing Ending**

Jerusalem Post Reporter

**FOOD RATIONING** will be completely abolished by March 1, it was reliably learned in Jerusalem on Wednesday. By that time sugar and coffee, the last remaining items subject to control, will be rationed, according to a decision taken recently by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

This decision is expected to be brought before the Minister of Economic Committee at its next meeting on Sunday, for final approval.

According to present plans, the price of sugar after de-rationing will be fixed at 700 pruta per kilo. There are now three different price levels: 270 pruta per kilo for sugar imported from the ration; 600 pruta per kilo for sugar sold to industry, and IL2.500 per kilo for sugar sold on the free market. Since by far the largest proportion of sugar is sold on the ration, it is estimated that the new price will net the Government an annual additional revenue of IL7m.

The present price of coffee on the ration is IL4 per kilo, while on the free market it costs IL12 per kilo. The new price, after de-rationing, is expected to be somewhere between these two levels, although it has not yet been determined.

**Plan for Underground Shopping Centre in T.A.**

Jerusalem Post Staff

**TEL AVIV** — The Tel Aviv Municipality is to send representatives to Vienna to study the possibility of carrying out the plan for an underground shopping lot at Dizengoff Square, the Finance Committee decided on Wednesday. The representatives have not yet been named.

The Committee also approved a grant of 10 million shekels for a clearing and reconstruction of the northern part of the Municipality centre and parking lot at Dizengoff Square, the Finance Committee decided on Wednesday. The representatives have not yet been named.

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**U.S. Vice-President Richard Nixon has described his country's foreign policy as one of "firmness, principle and flexibility on flexible tactics."**

**FLEXIBLE** is a clear enough definition, and whatever its detractors may say, it remains a fact that they have advanced no effective alternative for dealing with the growing perils faced by the free world. It is therefore salutary to hear Mr. Nixon stressing that the "Eisenhower-Dulles" policy would continue even if illness should force Secretary of State Mr. Dulles to resign.

Mr. Dulles' policy has often been attacked, his critics accusing him of being a no-saying lacking in flexibility and sensitive derivatively of "brinkmanship." Now that, after the latest operation, there are increasing indications that Mr. Dulles will leave the State Department, it is no wonder that even the critics are beginning to wonder whether his firmness can easily be dispensed with. As a correspondent has pointed out, Mr. Dulles "enjoys an unprecedented degree of esteem among his opponents."

In his dealings with the Soviet Union, it was often extremely difficult to find out which of the two sides was being "unflexible." Washington-Moscow. In the negotiations, for instance, disarray and disorderly disarray, without effective inspection, but it was the Soviets who refused to permit inspection in their own territory.

The most telling criticism of the Dulles policy has however been that it is tinged with morality and moralization, and that these cannot be sound bases for a country's foreign policy, which, if its critics maintained, should be based on objective interests and not calculation. This is a valid objection, and it may not be the less so because Mr. Dulles' policy was based on a profound conviction of the West's essential rightness and the Communists' essential evil-doing.

What will become of Mr. Dulles' policies in future? There is no doubt that the past few months have seen some change in the atmosphere of international relations—a change which must be put to the Soviet Union's military advances and the progress it has achieved in the missile and rocket race. There are also signs that there was an increasing realization in Washington that these advances call for a certain amount of reappraisal, especially after Mr. Anatoly Mikoyan's exceptional salesmanship was displayed in his recent American tour.

It is not to be supposed, however, that Mr. Dulles' expected retirement can be connected with these considerations. A few weeks before his admittance to hospital and just before his latest trip to London, Paris and Bonn, Mr. Dulles' pronouncements showed signs of a new flexibility. It is to his credit that this should have been so; it is indicative of a realism which his critics often accuse him of lacking.

**THE** decision of Yad Vashem to go ahead with its building programme during the coming fiscal year at a cost of IL 125 million raises the question whether

**WE** have still to learn how to cope with a financial emergency. Without going into the question of whether the memory of our martyrs might not be better served by some monument more practical than a pagan pile of masonry jutting above Mount Herod, even a synagogues away from any congregation, it is curious that the preening and posturing of immigrant absorption makes monies spent in these pursuits seem wasteful, particularly to the patient taxpayer today called upon to take up his share of the Immigration Loan.

Some system of priorities in public building must be adopted and carried forward—if the true character of the emergency is to make itself felt. Unlike some other projects which receive their budgets from abroad or from tourists and whose construction schedules are not being affected, Yad Vashem derives a good share of its development funds from Government grants, from the taxpayer. The argument that it is an independent authority and only subsidized by the Government should make it lack of coordination with a public response only more glaring in this instance.

Moreover, the programme undertaken by Yad Vashem is, by its very nature, particularly unfortunate. It is tragically certain that those very persons whom Yad Vashem was established to commemorate, given the opportunity, would have known better, how to appreciate the urgent necessity of channelling all available funds to the evacuation of Jews to a place of safety.

# Moscow's Unfinished Business

Khrushchev Faces Problem of Anti-Party Group

By RICHARD LOWENTHAL

LONDON (O.P.N.B.)—

THE barring of the 21st Congress of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union on future Soviet policies is emerging gradually. There is nothing unusual in this: the Congress, though in theory the highest organ of the ruling party, rarely makes precise policy decisions in its plenary form. Its normal role is rather to register the results of past arguments within the narrow circle of leaders in the form of general directives, and then to leave the same leaders to show by specific announcements just what these directives mean.

In case of Soviet-Chinese relations, resolution of Soviet primacy within the "Sino-Soviet camp" and the withdrawal of last autumn's Chinese challenge to this primacy have been promptly followed by the announcement of the substantial economic credit granted by the Soviet Union to China since October 1954. Moreover, the net credit of 5,000 million roubles (\$1,340m.) is almost three times as large as the total of the previous economic credits (not counting Soviet military aid). It follows a critical two-period during which Soviet deliveries of capital equipment under the old agreements had dwindled to a trickle, and China was actually repaying more than she still received, thus having for the first time an active balance within a slightly declining volume of trade with the Soviet Union.

It was the lack of new capital aid for Chinese industrialization which caused the Chinese Communists to overreach themselves in the bold but somewhat desperate experiment of the "Communes"; the new credit, given plainly as a reward for return to more cautious behaviour, will enable them to consolidate at a more tolerable pace. It will also strengthen the "state" elements in the Chinese leadership, believed to be represented by Chou En-lai who has brought home the prize.

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To get the issue into perspective, one must go back to the December plenary session of the Party's Central Committee. In a unique breach with tradition, its proceedings were published in full; evidently it was arranged not for demonstration but for demonstration, in order to show both the successes of Mr. Khrushchev's agricultural policy and the abject defeat of the anti-party group.

It is clear that Bulganin condemned his fellow associates and vowed retribution, and that speaker after speaker attacked the "criminal wreckers"; it was there that Mr. Khrushchev himself said that his tongue rebelled at calling these people communists. To anybody familiar with Soviet usage this could mean one thing only: that at the forthcoming Congress all those who had not submitted a full recantation of the policies attributed to them would be expelled from the Party. Yet it is inconceivable that the Soviet Union would send a man expelled from its ruling Party abroad as an Ambassador. Hence, when the Soviet inquiry to the Dutch Government, mentioning Mr. Molotov as one of three possible candidates for The Hague, was known, the only possible conclusion was that Mr. Khrushchev had counted on obtaining a full representation from Molotov at the time of the Congress, and was willing to show generous forgiveness by a real dispensation (a dispensation from the thinly-disguised exile in Mongolia) in that case.

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This clearly requires an explanation; and some observers have suggested that expulsion was in the Stalinist past usually the first step towards imprisonment and execution, and that Khrushchev's surviving colleagues in the Party Presidium have been reluctant to open the door to a repetition. But expulsion of opponents who did not surrender was not a Soviet invention; it is part of the sacred Leninist tradition, and was practised even under Stalin for a decade without murderous consequences. To avoid a blood-bath, which in all probability Khrushchev now wants little as his colleagues, the omission of the term "criminal" would have been enough.

Wary of Publicity

It thus seems more probable to me that an expulsion is still intended, but that Mr. Khrushchev found it inconvenient to call his defeated opponents to the bar of the Congress unless they were compelled to recant in dictated terms; for a defendant Malenkov and Molotov could then have made their case known, and that they have ever been granted.

If that view is right, the expulsions are the next item of Soviet business to be transacted behind the closed doors of the Central Committee. But the expulsions will not be a priority to Stalin-style purge trials. At least in the case of Malenkov, the man whom Khrushchev clearly hates still follows—not for his post-Stalin opposition to Khrushchev, but for his participation in Stalin's critique.

The public attacks on the group, and on Malenkov in particular, have made great play with his alleged (and somewhat highly probable) role in the "Leningrad case," the 1949 framework in which a number of followers of Malenkov's late rival Andrei Zhdanov lost their lives, and at the Congress the chairman of the Party's Control Commission, Nikolai Severtsev, indicated that investigations against Party members who participated in Stalin's "violations of Socialist legality" were still going on.

It will therefore be possible for Khrushchev to "get" Malenkov without returning to the dreaded tradition of trying people for mere insidious opposition. But it will be possible only by digging up the skeletons of the past; and that, too, can be a dangerous thing.

Yours etc.,  
FERNANDO CORENA as Falstaff

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir—I have just witnessed a performance of "Falstaff" and it seems to me that the question of compensation or of importing foreign artists does not enter

into the discussion...

But this performance of the I.P.O. was not a competitive adventure; it was, in plain language, an infringement at the expense of another group.

Everything has its small beginning, and although Israel's Opera is new and inexperienced and cannot be compared to other such established institutions, one cannot tell with what years to what heights it will attain...

The business of the I.P.O. is to propagate music written for such an organization.

The performance of "Falstaff" did not measure up to the prestige of the I.P.O.; it was hidden from view, and its full capacity was hardly appreciated. Compared to the singers, it was insignificant in this respect did the job of a standard pit orchestra.

Yours etc.,  
E. NOIFELD

Tel Aviv, February 15.

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir—Many friends and I are glad to see how many friends our orchestra has and I am glad to be a stout friend of theirs, too, but I am afraid your correspondents are mixing things up.

Yours etc.,  
M. BEJARANO

Haifa, February 13.

# Cambodia Stays Neutral

By DENNIS BLOODWORTH

SINGAPORE (O.P.N.B.)—

VIVACIOUS as ever, Prince Norodom Sihanouk of Cambodia passed through Singapore with his suite last Sunday on his way to visit President Sukarno in Indonesia. The leaders of the two neutralist States in which the Western camp and Soviet bloc are manoeuvring so energetically for influence should have some interesting notes to compare.

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